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said cover is constructed of fibers covered with a thin film of strengthening material.

32. A protective drywall joint strip device comprising:

An elongated, a relatively rigid core terminating in at least one longitudinal edge and having an outer surface;

a relatively flexible cover bonded to said core and configured to project laterally beyond said edge to form a flexible longitudinal flap; and

said flap including elongated lengthwise screw and ridge means spaced from said edge and configured to form a plurality of lengthwise grooves and ridges to be anchored in joint compound to anchor such strip device thereto or by such strip device may be placed over a joint between a pair of drywall panels and joint compound thereover to be received in said grooves to cooperate in anchoring said ribs against shifting relative to such joint material.

IN THE CLAIMS:

17. (Amended) A drywall joint assembly strip device to be covered by flowable joint compound and comprising:

an elongated core;

05¹ a paper cover bonded to said core so as to extend beyond the longitudinal edges of said core to form flexible flaps, said flaps being formed on at least one side with longitudinal rib means for, when said joint compound is applied thereto, afford a mechanical barrier to shifting relative to such compound; and

10 said flaps formed with compound-directing means and communication means to provide for the communication of said flowable joint compound between said outwardly-facing surfaces and said inwardly-facing surfaces to, when set up, fill the compound directing means with compound posts.

31. (New) The protective drywall joint strip device of Claim 1 wherein:

said cover is constructed of fibers covered with a thin film of strengthening material.

05¹ 32. (New) A protective drywall joint strip device comprising:

An elongated, a relatively rigid core terminating in at least one longitudinal edge and having an outer surface;

a relatively flexible cover bonded to said core and configured to project laterally

beyond said edge to form a flexible longitudinal flap; and

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said flap including elongated lengthwise screw and ridge means spaced from said edge and configured to form a plurality of lengthwise grooves and ridges to be anchored in joint compound to anchor such strip device thereto or by such strip device may be placed over a joint
5 between a pair of drywall panels and joint compound thereover to be received in said grooves to cooperate in anchoring said ribs against shifting relative to such joint material.
